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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dean R.E. Long

Attorney Docket No.: SUN1P279/P4888

Application No.: 09/816,010

Examiner: Rimell, Samuel G.

Filed: March 22, 2001

Group: 2175

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
LOCKING OBJECTS USING SHARED LOCKS

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**(37 CFR §1.114)**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114:**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
  - i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on July 30, 2004. (Any unentered amendment referred to above will be entered.)
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. ☐ Enclosed
  - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit/Declaration
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

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2. **Fees:** *(The RCE fee is required at the time the RCE is filed.)*

Fee Calculation (37 CFR §1.16)

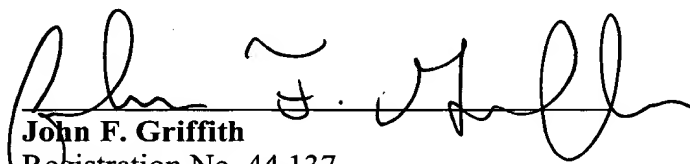
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| Fee for Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) | \$790 = | 790.00 |
| TOTAL  |         | 790.00 |
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- ☒ a. Applicant hereby petitions for a ONE MONTH extension of time.
- ☒ b. Applicant believes that no additional extension of time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant hereby petitions that such an extension be granted and authorizes the Director to charge the required fees for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☒ c. Enclosed is our Check No. 9814 in the amount of \$900 to cover the RCE fee and extension of time fee.
- ☒ d. The Director is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. SUN1P279)
3. ☒ Please continue to send correspondence to the following address:

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